

Remarks

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 were previously pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, the applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 8 and 9. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the subject specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented is respectfully requested.

The claim amendments set forth herein have been done in order to lend greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to expedite prosecution by conforming the claims to the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be enabled. The amendments of the claims should not be taken to indicate the applicant's agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejections of record. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection to the extent that it might be applied to the claims now presented for examination.

Please note that the claims have been amended herein to recite the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be enabled (see page 3 first full paragraph of the outstanding Office Action). Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

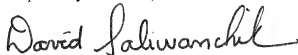
Claims 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the claims, and the claims have been amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments to the claims, the applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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